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ALLARD TO HOLD SENATE FIELD HEARING TO HIGHLIGHT RTD'S NEW SOUTHWEST LIGHT RAIL LINE JULY 14 HEARING TO SHOW CASE COLORADO'S LEADERSHIP ON MASS TRANSIT ISSUES

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), announced on Wednesday the Senate Housing and Transportation Subcommittee will hold a hearing in Denver on Friday, July 14, the same day RTD dedicates their new southwest line. The hearing will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the new Englewood City Council Chambers, which is located at 1000 Englewood Parkway.

Allard, who is chairman of the subcommittee, said the hearing is being held on that date to highlight the opening of the new southwest corridor light rail line and to showcase Colorado's leadership on utilizing mass transit to address its transportation needs.

"This field hearing will show case Colorado's leadership on mass transit issues," Allard said. "The new southwest line is opening on time and within budget. I want the rest of the country to know what a great job Colorado is doing in utilizing mass transit to solve its transportation needs."

Allard, who in 1997 successfully amended the TEA-21 bill to allow more mass transit money to be given to states like Colorado for light rail projects, said the success of the southwest corridor project will help make the case for more funding equity in Congress.

"The successful opening of the southwest corridor line clearly will help us in our battle to gain additional mass transit funding for Colorado projects," added Allard.

Those scheduled to testify at the hearing will be: Colorado Governor Bill Owens; Nuria Fernandez, Acting Administrator for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); Tom Norton, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT); Clarence Marsella, General Manager of the Regional Transportation District (RTD) and Englewood Mayor Tom Burns. The hearing is open to the public.

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